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AVOCADOS & LIMES

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FLORIDA AVOCADOS: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments for the 1982-83 season is estimated to be 1,250,000 bushels, unchanged from the initial August forecast. If realized, this will be 28 percent more than the 977,000 bushels shipped last season and a record high crop. The forecast is for certified shipments as reported by the Avocado Administrative Committee from inspection certifications by the Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Division of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

FLORIDA LIMES: The 1982-83 lime crop which began April 1, is forecast at 2,720,000 bushels, an increase from the 2,400,000 bushels forecast in April. Monthly shipments have

been substantially ahead of any previous season, especially since the embargo of limes from Mexico in August. Certified shipments to date are 32 percent ahead of the previous high 1980-81 season shipments.

CALIFORNIA AVOCADOS: The forecast of shipments for the 1981-82 season as reported by the California Avocado Commission is 6,215,800 bushel equivalents. Only one month remains in this marketing season. Early season projections for the 1982-83 season are for 9,000,000 bushel equivalents, very near the record high 9,520,000 bushel equivalents shipped in the 1980-81 season.

FLORIDA: Estimated commercial avocado shipments, 1982-83 season, with comparisons - Season April 1-March 31

Season	Shipments Through September	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
1977-78	174,000	238,000	412,000
1978-79	261,400	633,600	895,000
1979-80	367,700	649,300	1,017,000
1980-81	533,000	581,000	1,114,000
1981-82	288,900	688,100	977,000
Estimated:			
1982-83	604,800	645,200	1,250,000

CALIFORNIA: Estimated avocado shipments, 1981-82 season, with comparisons - Season- November 1 - October 31

Variety	1980-81 Season	1981-82 Season		
	Total shipments	Shipments through September	Remaining to be shipped	Estimated total shipments
Bushels 1/				
Fuerte	1,870,000	1,077,100	2,900	1,080,000
Hass	5,457,000	3,455,800	---	3,455,800
Other	2,193,000	1,433,100	246,900	1,680,000
Total	9,520,000	5,966,000	249,800	6,215,800

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.

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